GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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USE OF JUTE BAGS FOR PACKING GRAINS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed the FCI and State level grain procurement agencies to use HDP bags for packing grains; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make available jute bags to the procurement agencies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE. N RAMACHANDRAN)

(a):&(b) In view of the strike in the Jute Industry in West Bengal (w.e.f.22.3. 2000)the Central Government after considering the recommendations made to it by the Standing Advisory Committee has reduced by a Gazette Notice dated 31.3. 2000 (valid up 30.6. 2000) the percentage of foodgrains by 10% resulting 90% foodgrains to be packed in jute bags. This relaxation does not recommended use of HDPE bags. It only enables use of alternatives packing options for the foodgrains procuring agencies.

(c) In order to make available required quantity of bags for the procured foodgrains, Government has allowed the procuring agencies the use of surplus bags laying from the last session. In the wake of reopening of almost all jute mills extension of delivery period has been granted by some indentors so that the jute bags are supplied to the concerned agencies.